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SUBJECT: FOOD IMPORT DEMARCHE DELIVERED

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11. Agriculture Officer met with GCC representatives February 16 to discuss ref food import regulations. The GCC Food Safety Committee is awaiting a report from the Saudi Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) which will be presented during a committee meeting in Dubai February 21-23. Econoff reached out to several counterparts at other Embassies in Riyadh, none of whom had engaged the Saudis regarding the proposed new GCC food import procedures.
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